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BLUFFTON POLICE VEHICLE STRUCK WHILE ASSISTING WITH COLLISION

On February 14, 2013 at approximately 2:30 a.m. Bluffton Police Officers responded to an overturned vehicle. While at the scene a patrol vehicle was struck by a motorist who was later arrested by the South Carolina Highway Patrol for Driving Under the Influence.

Early this morning a single vehicle collision occurred on Bluffton Parkway near its intersection with Pinecrest Subdivision. The vehicle collided with several trees, located in the median, causing it to overturn. The driver of the vehicle was transported to Savannah Memorial Hospital for minor injuries.

While conducting traffic control at the scene a Bluffton Police vehicle was struck by a passing motorist. The vehicle left the scene of the collision and was later stopped by other Bluffton Police Officers. The operator of the vehicle, Coty White, was arrested by the SC Highway Patrol.

Officer Brady Lee was directing traffic in the westbound lane of Bluffton Parkway near Trotting Hill Lane for a previous traffic collision that had occurred. A Mazda CX-7 SUV was traveling westbound and struck the patrol vehicle. The driver, Coty White, accelerated the vehicle away from the collision, and was later stopped by other Bluffton Police Officers attending to the other collision further down the road.

South Carolina Highway Patrol investigated the incident and arrested White for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Driving Under Suspension, Hit and Run Property Damage, Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle, and Open Container in Vehicle. White was taken into custody and was later transported to the Beaufort County Detention Center where he is awaiting a bond hearing. Officer Lee was out of his patrol vehicle and was not injured in this incident.



Coty Joseph White
7 Fairview Avenue
Bluffton, SC
DOB: 09/02/1987

Charges

Driving Under the Influence 2nd Offense-56-05-2930- Misdemeanor
Driving Under Suspension- 56-01-0460- Misdemeanor
Hit and Run/Property damage- 56-05-1220- Misdemeanor
Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle- 56-10-0520- Misdemeanor
Open Container in vehicle- 61-04-0110- Misdemeanor